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Instead of the Meeting...

ANNUAL AUCTION

Friday April 25, 2014

6:00pm - Doors Open for Sellers

7:00pm - Doors Open for Buyers

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

1035 Carol Lane Lafayette

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Affiliated Club

PRESIDENT'S QTC

ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION !

We hope to see you all this Friday night April 25, 2014 for our Annual Auction!

This is the time to dig through your spare parts box and bring in those gems that you might not have a need for - but surely another ham will! We should have a great array of items that may be of great interest to you.

The auction will take place at our usual meeting location, Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Lafayette.

Please invite a friend or two to attend, and please bring an item for the auction! See you there.

73, Jim Siemons, AF6PU, President

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS:

SATURDAY APRIL 26 - Pleasanton March of Dimes Walkathon

Contact: Pete Harris, KE6ZIW
pharris125@comcast.net

SUNDAY MAY 4, 2014 - Danville Devil Mountain Fun Run

SUNDAY MAY 11, 2014 - Mount Diablo Time Trials for Amgen Bike Race

Contact for both of the above events:
Chris, W6CJQ w6cjq@yahoo.com

SUNDAY MAY 18, 2014
Ohlone 50k www.ohlone50k.com

SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2014
Lake Chabot Trail Challenge Half Marathon and 5K Run
www.cvtrackclub.com/trailchallenge.html

SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2014
Skyline 50K www.skyline50k.us

Contact for all 3 of the above events:
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ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CLUB YAHOO GROUP. DOWNLOAD FILES, INCLUDING *THE CARRIER* IN **FULL COLOR** AS WELL AS SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE MEMBERSHIP AT:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mdarc

The next Extra class will start on June 5, 2014 (NOT May 29th).

PLEASE, PLEASE include your call sign if you have one when sending us an Email message.

Classes are held Thursday Evenings, All Classes are from 7pm -9 pm in the Fireside Room at The Salvation Army, 3950 Clayton Road. Concord. Cross Street is West Street.

If you have friends with an interest in getting the Technician license or taking an upgrade class, please email HamRadioClass@gmail.com .

An auto reply registration form will be emailed back to you.

Events & Class schedules can be found at http://www.saternconcord.org .

Once again, Fred Coe, WB6ASU, has come to the rescue of our club's Amateur Television (ATV) system! WB6ASU and John, ND6H, ascended North Peak on Saturday April 19, 2014 and installed a large cavity filter (homebuilt by WB6ASU) to eliminate a pesky QRM problem plaguing the 1.2 GHz input to the repeater.

Life Member Fred Coe, WB6ASU, in his Acampo workshop on March 29, 2014 with the filter he built himself and donated to our club. This filter eliminated the QRM problem which plagued the 1.2 GHz input to the W6CX amateur television repeater on Mount Diablo's North Peak.
(N4DLA photo)

Our repeater is back providing great live television and is being enjoyed by the ATV users.

If you are interested, please tune in each Thursday evening at 8:00 PM via the online stream at:

http://www.w6cxatv.net/live

You may also listen on our W6CX 2 meter repeater for the audio portion.

If you would like to join in on the great fun and want to discuss a loan or acquisition of ATV transmitting and receiving equipment, please contact John Schuler W6DTV, at JOHNQRZ@aol.com for more information.

John Schuler, W6DTV, in his Livermore studio as seen from the live internet stream of the W6CX amateur television repeater on April 19, 2014.
(Peggy Haynes photo)

atv
AMATEUR TV

" A 2014 Camping Adventure"

June 6th, 7th & 8th

Introduction

The joint SFARC-MDARC campout will take place starting on Friday, June 6th and end on Sunday, June 8th at the Sugar Pine Dam Recreation Area. It is one of the most beautiful spots in Placer County. This will be a joint venture between the Club and a another group of radio amateurs who have meeting for this annual event for this, the 45th year. We are limited to 50 people at this site so get your reservations in early.

What The Campsite Provides

At approximately 3,000 feet above sea level, the campground has water and restroom facilities, no hookups, but nice spaces for trailers, tents and motor homes. There are three large barbecue pits available at our site as well as a large recessed pit for a grand campfire. There are plenty of trees as well as open space for stringing a G5RV and a double extended zepp for your HF station if it is your desire to bring one. However there are plans for at least one active HF station from WA6UHA (weather permitting). We will be using the club call, W6PW. Tentatively our stations will be active on 40 and 75 meters, during the day on the Noon Time Net frequency of 7268.5 khz (Friday afternoon and all day Saturday) and at night (Friday & Saturday) on 3952 khz (the Western Public Service Net frequency). It's time to pack up and enjoy the great outdoors and warm up for Field Day coming three weeks later. VHF and UHF paths for both Bay Area and Sacramento television and FM stations are quite good even with simple antennas. Obviously, working 2 meters and 440 into Sacramento and the Bay Area repeaters is not difficult especially during the early morning hours when path conditions are ideal. Call-in will be on the Mount Diablo W6CX 2 meter system 147.06+ PL 100. Alternate system: W6SAR Foresthill 146.745- PL 156.7.

The Sugar Pine Lake is just a 1/2 mile from the campsite. A hiking trail leads to the water and connects to another trail that follows the perimeter of the lake. The main swimming area is located on the opposite side of the lake and is accessible by hiking or by a 10 minute drive.

A Chronological Look At The Planned Activities

Friday, June 6

Between 12 noon and 1 PM, the forest ranger will arrive to unlock the gate for access to our site. The gate will remain open through out our stay. Also during this time and throughout the afternoon and the early evening the 145.43- repeater (PL 162.2hz), K6MDD A & C D-star, and 146.49 simplex will be monitored. When you arrive, park at any of the available spaces. There are plenty. That evening, you are on your own for dinner. Use your Weber or the barbecue pits provided at the site.

Saturday, June 7

In the morning, you are on your own for breakfast after which, if you desire, join us for a hike to and around the lake. Weather pending, the view will be picture postcard as we make our way around. We will pass the swimming area and cross the dam as we make our way back to Rocky Ridge. The hike should take approximately 2 hours.

After arriving back at the campsite, you are on your own for lunch if you desire but most of us would probably settle for a tall cold one. Later on you can scrounge around for wood for the campfire that night. Around 4:30 the full socializing begins and the bar is open. Bring out the appetizers and munches which is part of the pot luck. Also during this time, the host supplied charcoal will be prepared and the barbecue pits will be lit. However, before dinner as an idea conceived by Fred Townsend AE6QL, we will have a champagne cork popping contest. To participate in this event, bring your own champagne ...***AND NO BOTTLES WITH SCREW-ON CAPS… CORK ONLY !***

As for dinner that follows, the hot coals will be provided for cooking your choice of meat. Please bring out a side dish, salad, rolls for dinner and dessert to share, and don't forget there will be great music for everyone's taste provided by Dave, WA6UHA.

After dinner, the camp fire will be started so bring your own marshmallows. The sticks will be provided by the campsite. Enjoy the fire as we sing, chat, or whatever you would like to do at this time. Plus we will have a real space odyssey with a few astronomical telescopes set up.

Sunday, June 8

At approximately 8 am, preparation will be underway for the host provided barbecued pancakes. Two kinds will be provided, plain and Oregon Blueberry. After many years of research we were able to come up with a process that prevents the pancake batter from seeping through the grill and on to the charcoal. Supply your own beverages and sides and share if you like. In the late morning, it's cleanup time and we say our good-byes until next year.

Looks Great...Now How Do We Get There??

From San Francisco, drive east on Interstate 80 through Auburn and exit at Foresthill. Head east on Foresthill Road crossing the mile long panoramic American River Bridge. Continue heading east for about 20 miles and you will reach the town of Foresthill. After passing through town continue east for another 10 miles and turn left at Sugar Pine Dam Road. There should be sign just before you reach the junction. Once you are on Sugar Pine Dam Road (Route 10), follow the road carefully, there are a few turnoffs that can possibly throw you off course. If you have any questions while on Foresthill or Sugar Pine Dam road, you should be in simplex range. Monitor 146.49. The 145.43 (PL 162.2) Auburn repeater should also be available and it will be the primary talk-in to get you to the site. In any case, stay on the blacktop. Eventually you approach a junction with the main road going slightly to the left and a road going slightly to the right with a gate which should be open for us. This is also the junction where route 10 ends as indicated by a sign even though the road continues. As you go past the gate, there is a sign posted there marking the reserved group campsites. Follow the signs for the Rocky Ridge site which will be reserved for us. The total drive time from San Francisco to the campground should be approximately 3 hours if you avoid the Bay Area and Sacramento rush hours.

Cost To You

Just $40 per family!! The more the participants...you might not have to dig so deep into your wallet...

Contact Dave, WA6UHA, at youha@pacbell.net to make reservations. Give Dave your name, home address , type of vehicle, and number in your party.

Web page: http://www.sfarc.org/campout2014.htm

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date March 3, 2014 Time 1900 Hours

Presided over by Jim Siemons AF6PU, Board President

Recorded by David Molstad KK6GSC
Secretary Minutes recorded in accordance with Robert's Rules of order, Fourth Edition.

The meeting was held at the at Black Bear Diner 700 Bancroft Rd Walnut Creek California

Call or order 1900 Hours
Opening Comments President Comments We have had a great month

Roll Call (of all attendees)

Club Officers

Title	Name	Call Sign
President	Jim Siemons,	AF6PU
Vice President	David M. Schild,	KK6CQX
Secretary	David Molstad	KK6GSC
Treasurer	Bill Swindell,	K1LED
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Director at Large	Trevor Hall	WA6JAU

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Audit	Bill Swindell,	K1LED
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Member	Mike Patterson	N6JGA
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Member	Eric Ferguson	KA6USJ

Approval of Minutes from last meeting – David Molstad KK6GSC
Comments Corrections noted

Motion; "Approve Minutes as noted". Bill Swindell K1LED
Second Mitchell Boyce W8DOD
Vote unanimous Against 0 Abstain 0

IV. Officers Reports

a) President – Jim Siemons AF6PU

Comments

Technical Committee Meeting review

Attendees, issues raised comments and suggestions Comments re. Dusty Rose concerns

Vice-President - David M. Schild KK6CQX

Comments

Thanked Trevor for filling in for last guest speaker Guest speaker to be rescheduled

Reminder of club meeting location and parking

April Auction, Facebook Promotion

Flea Market at De Anza College

June Field Day

Field Trip suggestion, Hornet

Guest Speaker list open for balance of the year

Treasurer –Bill Swindell K1LED

Comments

Current balance $58,017.21

Bank statement error from BofA, Audit in progress

PayPal costs

Move "Club to absorb PayPal Fees, concern to be revisited annually"

Mitchell Boyce W8DOD

Second Janis Fujii KG6VTD

Vote unanimous Against 0 Abstain 0

Posting of new Hams on membership site

Secretary/Correspondence David Molstad KK6GSC

Comments

None

V. Committee Reports

a) Auction Bill Swindell K1LED

Comments

Notice in Carrier

Sellers and Auctioneer coordination

System for Auction process (referred to committee)

b) Education and Training John Primus WA6JAU

Comments

Finished Technical Training Class

22 enrolled 16 average attendance 14 passed test 90%

GOTA 25 attended

General Class begins March 20

24 enrolled

Extra begins June 5

36 enrolled

General Class needs instructors

Board invited class night, Elmer

Outreach to University

c) Technical Committee Trevor Hall WA6JAU

Comments
Acknowledge Technical Committee Meeting
Power Failure, controller voltage spike. UPS worked
No UPS for North Tower
New UPS Battery for North Tower
North Peak ATV on air
UPS Battery good for about 15 min

d) Field Day Lauren Styles, WA6CIE

Comments
Check for Heather Farms sent to Walnut Creek
Mt. Diablo Site almost ready

e) PACIFICON Trevor Hall WA6JAU

Comments
Hotel Contract Conference call
Discussed discrepancies
A/V costs (later date)
Vendor Power Costs
$1,100 per room/$25 per booth
$800 for parking lot
Swap Meet $15 first day $20 second
Motor home to be Headquarters

Silent Key WZ8C

VI New Business

Dusty Roads tower removal,
Cost, liabilities, insurance, methodology
Needs further study
Mitchell Boyce W8DOD to negotiate and attain insurance waivers

VII Meeting Adjourned

"Motion to adjourn" Trevor Hall WA6JAU
Second Mitchell Boyce W8DOD
Vote unanimous Against 0 Abstain 0

General Club Meeting Meeting Minutes

Date March 21, 2014 Time 1930 PST

Presided over by Jim Siemens AF6PU President

Recorded by David Molstad KK6GSC Secretary
Minutes recorded in accordance with Robert's Rules of order, Fourth Edition.

The meeting was held at the at Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1035 Carol Lane Lafayette California

I. Call or order 1930 PST
II Pledge of Allegiance

President's opening comments Jim Siemens AF6PU
New faces lay out of meeting

a) Vice Presidents Report David Shields KK6CQX
Next Month Auction
April Club meeting on the 25th
Searching for ETI software
June Meeting prior to Field Day
Introduction to Contesting
Field Day information of Website
Keeping website fresh
Facebook page for photos and updates and operation posts
CARLA presentation tonight

b) Treasurer Report Bill Swindell K1LED
Balance $58,017.21

c) Membership Tom Deeble, KA6SIP
308 members renewed out of 382
New members joining

e) Auction Bill Swindell K1LED
Last Friday in April
Mitchell Boyce to coordinate Action items
Balance of Auction to be managed as it has in the past
Seller 10% charge
Open by 6pm to receive Action items
Begin Action promptly at 7pm

Motion to Adjourn
"I move to adjourn"

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal Saturday, April 26th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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ENOUGH! LET'S SAVE LIVES

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For more information, please visit www.dea.gov

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Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm General ATV Net 1241.250+

Tuesday 7:30 pm Fat City 10 meter USB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

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https://stn3057.ip.irlp.net/status.html

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ATV Internet Stream: http://www.w6cxatv.net/live

Contra Costa County Emergency Communications Nets

Every Thursday
http://www.coco-races.org/meetings/nets/

6:35 pm HF Countywide 3.893 MHz LSB

6:45 pm West County 145.110-- (82.5 PL)

7:00 pm Central County 145.680 Simplex

7:00 pm East County 146.535 Simplex

7:00 pm South County 146.355+ (77.0 PL)

7:20 pm Countywide 145.490-- (107.3 PL)

Concord Auxiliary Radio Emergency Service (CARES)

Wednesday 8:00pm 147.405 Simplex

April 2014 and May 2014 Club Calendar

Friday April 25, 2014	**7pm**	**MDARC ANNUAL AUCTION ! Sellers Arrive at 6pm** Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette
Saturday May 3, 2014	9:00 am	MDARC Technical Committee *Environmental Center, 2581 Harbor Street, Pittsburg*
Monday May 5, 2014	7:00 pm	MDARC Board Meeting *Black Bear Restaurant, 700 Bancroft Avenue, Walnut Creek*
Friday May 16, 2014	7:30pm	MDARC General Meeting Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette